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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 2, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-13 and 15-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the Claims

2. Change all claims in accordance with the following claim listing:

1. (Currently amended) A method of coupling a qubit, said method comprising:
providing a transmission line for at least one of controlling said qubit and reading out a state of said qubit; and

locating said qubit near a transmission line approximately at a location corresponding to a node at a predetermined frequency, said predetermined frequency comprising a basic operating frequency F01 of said qubit as a frequency difference between a lowest energy state of said qubit and a second lowest energy state of said qubit.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said node is located at a $1/4$ wavelength location away from an end of said at least one transmission line at said predetermined frequency.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said node is generated by forming one of a shorted end on said at least one transmission line and an open end on said at least one transmission line.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one transmission line comprises a superconducting material.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one transmission line comprises one of a coplanar stripline and a microstrip line.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said qubit comprises a current-biased qubit and said node comprises a current node.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said qubit comprises a voltage-biased qubit and said node comprises a voltage node.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an input impedance of said transmission line approximately matches an output impedance of a circuit that provides said one of controlling said qubit and reading out a state of said qubit.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
adjusting a ratio of a size of said qubit to a length of said transmission line.
13. (Currently amended) A circuit comprising:
a qubit having a basic operating frequency F01 being a frequency difference between a lowest energy state of said qubit and a second lowest energy state of said qubit; and
at least one transmission line related to an operation of said qubit, wherein said qubit is located near said transmission line approximately at a node ~~in a control~~
~~parameter of~~ defined relative to said basic operating frequency.

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14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein said node is located at a $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength location away from an end of said at least one transmission line at said basic operating frequency.

16. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein said node is generated by one of a shorted end on said at least one transmission line and an open end on said at least one transmission line.

17. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein said at least one transmission line comprises a superconducting material.

18. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein said at least one transmission line comprises one of a coplanar stripline and a microstrip line.

19. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein said qubit comprises a current-biased qubit and said node comprises a current node.

20. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein said qubit comprises a voltage-biased qubit and said node comprises a voltage node.

21. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, wherein an input impedance of said transmission line approximately matches an output impedance of a circuit that provides said one of controlling said qubit and reading out a state of said qubit.

22. (Original) The circuit of claim 13, further comprising:

one of a current source and a voltage source connected to said transmission line to provide one of a current and a voltage to bias said qubit.

23-27. (Canceled)

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3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a fax received on August 27, 2007 from applicant's attorney, Frederick E. Cooperrider.

Correspondence Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this information or related to the subject disclosure should be directed to the Primary Examiner, Joseph P. Hirl, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3685. The Examiner can be reached on Monday – Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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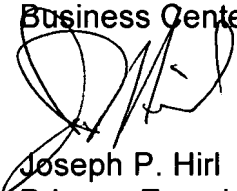
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